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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 203

Introduced by Assembly Member Garcia

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Benoit—~~and Bogh~~) *Bogh, Aghazarian, Bates, Berg, Bermudez, Calderon, Campbell, Canciamilla, Chavez, Chu, Cogdill, Cohn, Correa, Cox, Daucher, Diaz, Dutra, Dutton, Firebaugh, Frommer, Goldberg, Hancock, Harman, Haynes, Jerome Horton, Shirley Horton, Houston, Jackson, Keene, Kehoe, La Malfa, La Suer, Laird, Leno, Leslie, Levine, Lieber, Longville, Lowenthal, Maldonado, Matthews, Maze, McCarthy, Montanez, Mountjoy, Mullin, Nakanishi, Nakano, Nation, Negrete McLeod, Nunez, Pacheco, Parra, Pavley, Plescia, Reyes, Ridley-Thomas, Salinas, Samuelian, Simitian, Spitzer, Steinberg, Strickland, Vargas, Wesson, Wiggins, Wolk, Wyland, and Yee*)

(Coauthor: Senator Battin)

March 25, 2004

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 203—Relative to the California National Guard “Adopt an Armory” program.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 203, as amended, Garcia. California National Guard: “Adopt an Armory” program.

This measure would commend the California National Guard Strategic Planning Council for establishing the “Adopt an Armory”

program for the restoration of California National Guard armories, and would urge the public to support the program.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The California National Guard's armories are in
2 desperate need of repair. The Facility Directorate at the Joint
3 Forces Headquarters, Office of the Adjutant General, estimates
4 that more than \$30 million in repairs and upgrades are needed
5 collectively for the 119 armories; and

6 WHEREAS, When soldiers return to their home armories,
7 many will return to duty conditions that are in many ways not
8 much better than those under which they served during their
9 deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

10 WHEREAS, The National Guard created the California
11 National Guard Strategic Planning Council to address long range
12 plans and policy for the army and national guard. After completing
13 a comprehensive review of armories, the Strategic Planning
14 Council created the "Adopt an Armory" program; and

15 WHEREAS, The concept of the "Adopt an Armory" program
16 involves getting communities to be partners with local armories so
17 both communities and armories benefit. The armory is renewed,
18 and in return, the community is able to utilize the facility for
19 projects, events, and activities; and

20 WHEREAS, There are three ways to adopt an armory under the
21 program: (1) an individual or community group may volunteer
22 labor and materials to upgrade an existing armory; (2) local
23 contractors, suppliers, or professionals may donate resources,
24 expertise, or services; and (3) the armory's soldiers may improve
25 their armory with communitywide donations and resources; and

26 WHEREAS, The "Adopt an Armory" program is still in its
27 infant stages, with volunteers coming forward at the Indio,
28 Torrance, and Banning armories. The Riverside CBS television
29 station took the lead in adopting armories in Indio and Banning,
30 and prominent corporations and Riverside businesses are also
31 stepping forward to upgrade the armories; and

32 WHEREAS, The Mayors of Indio, Banning, and Corona have
33 pledged to support the restoration of armories, with the assistance
34 of Senator Battin and Assembly Members Bogh, Benoit, and
35 Garcia; now, therefore, be it



1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California
3 commend the California National Guard Strategic Planning
4 Council for its initiative in creating the “Adopt an Armory”
5 program and its dedication to the men and women serving in the
6 California National Guard armories; and be it further
7 *Resolved,* That the Legislature urges the members of the public
8 to support the “Adopt an Armory” program for the restoration of
9 national guard armories; and be it further
10 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
11 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

